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STOCKPILE ACCEPTS CHROMITE ORE OFFERS

Ft. Belvoir, VA - The Defense National Stockpile Center today announced the award of approximately 15,000 short dry tons (SDT) of refractory grade chromite ore under Solicitation for Offers, DLA-Chromite, Chemical & Refractory Grade-003, to RHI-REFMEX, Coahuila, Mexico and Virginia By-Products, Richmond, VA. The approximate provisional value is \$180,000. In addition, the Defense National Stockpile Center awarded approximately 7,500 short dry tons (SDT) of chemical grade chromite ore to North American Refractories, Moon Township, PA, for an approximate provisional value of \$180,000.

Both refractory grade chromite ore and chemical grade chromite ore will continue to be offered for sale on the fourth Thursday of each month. Offers are due by 3:00 p.m., local time, on June 26, 2003, at 8725 John J. Kingman Road, Suite 3229, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-6223.

Requests for copies of the Solicitation and other inquiries should be directed to Danny Lester at 703-767-5482. Additional information is also available on the DNSC internet site: <https://www.dnsc.dla.mil> .